GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INSULT OF NATIONAL LEADERS AND TRICOLOUR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether printing of images of Mahatma Gandhi, National Flag and Jawaharlal Nehru on garments by a US-based website has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) Government are aware of the offensive use of images of Mahatma Gandhi, the national flag and Jawaharlal Nehru on undergarments by a US based online supplier. Our Embassy in Washington took up this issue with the President of the company immediately expressing outrage, and demanding that this be discontinued. The US Government have also been told of the offensive practice by the US company.